

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

What is claimed is:

1.- 10. (Canceled).

11. (Canceled).

12. (Canceled).

13. (Canceled).

14. (Canceled).

15. (Original) A method of inhibiting chemical degradation of an active ingredient substance in a formulation comprising a carrier and an active ingredient substance, which method comprises mixing calcium stearate with said active ingredient substance and said carrier.

16. (Canceled).

17. (Canceled).

18. (Canceled).

19. (Canceled).

20. (Canceled).

21. (Canceled).

22. (Canceled).

23. (Canceled).

24. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the carrier is lactose.

25. (Canceled).

26. (Canceled).

27. (Canceled).

28. (Canceled).

29. (New) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the carrier is a reducing sugar.

30. (New) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the calcium stearate is present in an amount of from 0.1 to 20% w/w based on the total weight of the composition.

31. (New) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the active ingredient substance is present in an amount of from 0.01% to 50% w/w based on the total weight of the composition.

32. (New) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein said active ingredient substance is selected from:

3-(4-[[6-({(2*R*)-2-hydroxy-2-[4-hydroxy-3-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]ethyl)amino)hexyl] oxy}butyl) benzenesulfonamide;

3-(3-{[7-({(2*R*)-2-hydroxy-2-[4-hydroxy-3-hydroxymethyl]phenyl]ethyl}-amino)heptyl]oxy}propyl)benzenesulfonamide;
4-({(1*R*)-2-[(6-{2-[(2,6-dichlorobenzyl)oxy]ethoxy}hexyl)amino]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2-(hydroxymethyl)phenol and
4-({(1*R*)-2-[(6-{4-[3-(cyclopentylsulfonyl)phenyl]butoxy}hexyl)amino]-1-hydroxyethyl}-2-(hydroxymethyl)phenol,
and salts or solvates thereof.

33. (New) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein said active ingredient substance is one which includes the group Ar-CH(OH)-CH₂-NH-R.